

# **Application of Information Theory, Lecture 5**

## **Channel Capacity and Isoperimetric Inequality**

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# Part I

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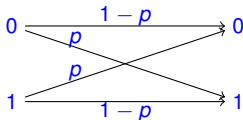
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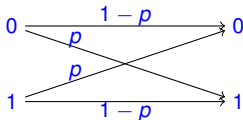
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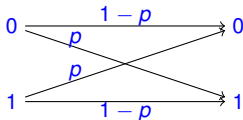
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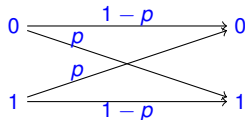
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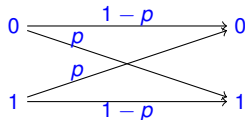


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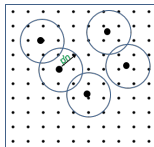


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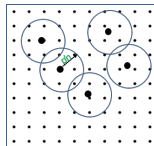
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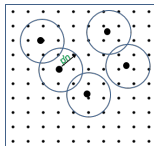
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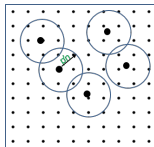
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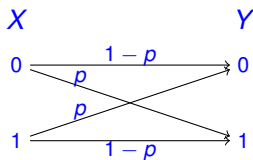
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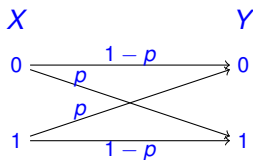
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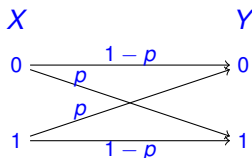
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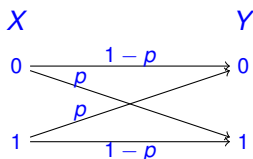
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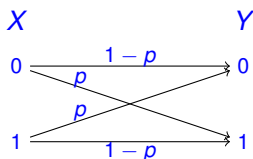


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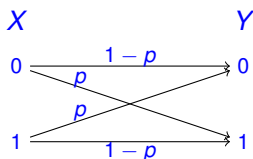
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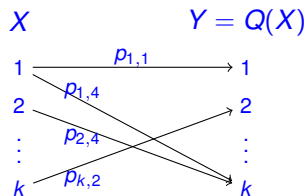
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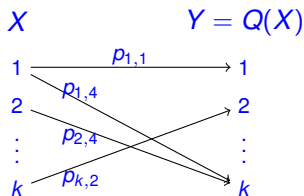


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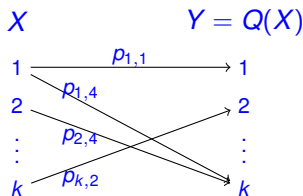


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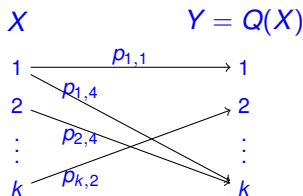


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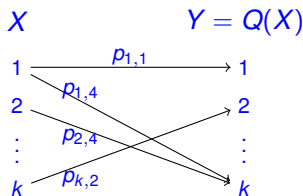


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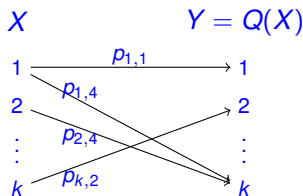


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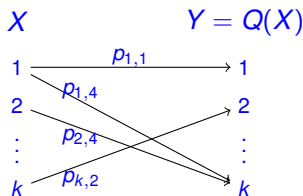


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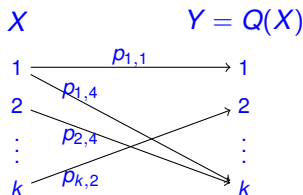


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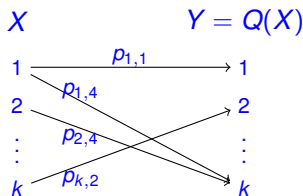
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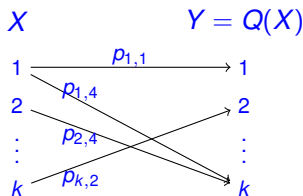
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